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**NMFS ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL RULE
ANNOUNCING THE APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COLLECTION-
OF-INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER AMENDMENT 2 TO THE 2006
CONSOLIDATED ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is announcing the effectiveness of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements contained in the final rule that implemented management measures in Amendment 2 to the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The final rule implementing those measures published on June 24, 2008 (73 FR 35778), and a correction published on July 15, 2008 (73 FR 40658). The collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act were undergoing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and clearance at that time, so the effectiveness of measures relating to recordkeeping and reporting data was postponed.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was informed of the clearance of the collection requirements on June 23, 2008. The attached final rule announces OMB's approval of the collection-of-information requirements and makes the reporting requirement contained in Amendment 2 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP effective as of September 15, 2008.

This final rule contains revisions to collection-of- information requirements subject to the PRA under OMB control number 0648-0040. NMFS sought approval regarding the addition of a check box on the HMS dealer form. This check box will allow HMS dealers to note whether shark fins were naturally attached to the shark at offloading or not. NMFS does not expect that the addition of a check box regarding shark fins will add to the reporting burden. Please send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of this data collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to David Rostker at David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov, or fax to 202-395-7285.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic Shark Fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936.

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